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SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE FROM

PRESIDENT PEREZ TO PRESIDENT FORD

1. PLEASE DELIVER FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT PEREZ:

QUOTE: DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: YOUR THOUGHTFUL AND HEARTENING MESSAGE ON MY ASSUMPTION OF OFFICE AS PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES IS DEEPLY APPRECIATED. YOU MAY BE ASSURED THAT ALL THE RESOURCES OF THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT WILL CONTINUE TO BE DIRECTED TOWARD OUR COMMON GOAL OF A TRUE AND LASTING PEACE FOR ALL MANKIND. SINCERELY, GERALD R. FORD UNQUOTE.

2. FYI. INCOMING MESSAGE, IN UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION, READS AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE: IN NAME OF VENEZUELA AND MY OWN I EXPRESS TO YOU MY WARM CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES FOR THE SUCCESS OF YOUR GOVERNMENT. VENEZUELA HAS ALWAYS HAD AND CONTINUES TO HAVE TODAY A CORDIAL FRIENDSHIP AND FEELING FOR YOUR COUNTRY AND FOR YOUR PEOPLE. MY GOVERNMENT HOPES THAT UNCLASSIFIED

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THOSE TRADITIONAL RELATIONSHIPS ARE AFFIRMED IN AN

ATMOSPHERE OF MUTUAL CONFIDENCE AND FERTILE COOPERATION.
THE FUNDAMENTAL MATTERS IN WHICH WE CAN AND SHOULD AGREE
ARE NUMEROUS, ESPECIALLY NOW WHEN VENEZUELA HAS PLACED ITS

FAITH IN THE INTEGRATION OF LATIN AMERICA AND IN BROADER
EXCHANGE WITH ALL COUNTRIES. WE TRUST THAT UNDER YOUR
DIRECTION THE DIALOGUE INITIATED BY THE PREVIOUS ADMINIS-
TRATION WILL NOT BE CONVERTED INTO ONE MORE FRUSTRATION
FOR THE LATIN AMERICAN PEOPLES IN THEIR RELATIONS WITH
THE UNITED STATES. I GREET YOU VERY RESPECTFULLY,
CARLOS ANDRES PEREZ, PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF
VENEZUELA. UNQUOTE.

3. NEITHER THE DEPARTMENT NOR THE WHITE HOUSE PLANS TO
RELEASE THE TEXT OF THE REPLY, BUT THERE IS NO OBJECTION
TO ITS RELEASE BY THE GOV. KISSINGER

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